

## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

## Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show Day

**WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show will take place from February 23-26, 2012 at the Rhode Island Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, winter-fatigued residents are provided the refreshing views and fragrances of spring, making the Rhode Island Convention Center a happy place to be in February; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show attracts more than 30,000 attendees annually, showcasing garden displays and 250 larger-than-life garden marketplace vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show conducts demonstrations and lectures, with an emphasis on organic gardening; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show will provide fun activities for children including martial arts lessons, face painting, "Bubbleology" that enchants and entertains with a mix of astounding tricks, interesting science and beautiful bubbles, story telling and music with "Mother Nature"; and

WHEREAS, landscape designers and plant growers demonstrate what beautiful gardens can be created in Southern New England; and

WHEREAS, this year's new feature is a Food and Wine Festival featuring some of the areas best chefs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee,** Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2012 as Rhode Island Spring Flower and Garden Show Day in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this day.

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Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this \_13<sup>74</sup> day of February, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee Governor

A. Ralph Mollis Secretary of State